Companies (OMCs) would ensure adequate availability of PDS as well as non-subsidized kerosene during the entire period of implementation of the Pilot.

Aerial survey in Bihar for discovering oil reserves

†654. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Oil Company Cairn Energy has been allowed to conduct an aerial survey in Bihar in order to make discovery of oil reserves there;

(b) if so, the conditions on which agreement has been signed with this company;

(c) whether this company has also been allowed to conduct any such survey in any other part of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They have been permitted to carry out the survey after obtaining permission from Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Defence. The Contractor is required to obtain No Objection Certificates from Department of Atomic Energy and Geological Survey of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.

Policy on supply of gas through pipelines

†655. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to implement a National Policy in order to supply LPG through pipeline upto kitchen in certain cities;

(b) if so, in which cities cooking gas will be supplied through pipeline; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.